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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Because our annual conference is early this year, this is my last time to talk with you on this page. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful cooperation. It is this which makes the work of the Association move forward. And it does move forward, even though at times progress seems slow.

State Aid and the budget for the State Library are unknown quantities today, as I write, but the Legislature will, no doubt, have made some decision at the time of your reading this. Whatever the decision, let us each determine to make not only our legislators, but also our general public, which is our most influential force, more aware of our needs and our services. In this way the cordial relations we all maintain with local and state officials will bring better support for all libraries.

Sections of the Michigan Library Association are formed when a need is felt for meetings related to special fields of interest. This year a new group, the bookmobile librarians, met for the first time in Mason. City and county organizations both large and small were represented and gained from talking over common problems and practices.

Extension leaders from several of the state colleges met with the County Library Section last November to discuss materials used in courses throughout the state. In February another regular session was held to discuss standards and audio-visual materials. In the evening the legislators represented by the group were entertained with a dinner and square dance in Lansing.

School librarians of the state are sponsoring three Workshops this year. One is in May at Houghton Lake, one in September at St. Mary's Lake, and a new one in the Upper Peninsula in October. This latter one will combine with the Wisconsin group. Emphasis this year is on the elementary school libraries.

At Flint this year the traditional Spring Institute, sponsored by the Children's Section, featured library radio programs, authors of children's books, and books. Genevieve Foster, author of several books of historical interest for boys and girls, was the banquet speaker. Dorothy Hansen and Elizabeth Young evaluated recent children's books.

On June 9 the Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers met in Detroit to discuss the problem of "Conflict between public services and catalog departments".

Registrations for the Annual Conference at Mackinac, August 31-September 2, are coming in well, the Grand Hotel reports. Exhibitors, too, will be well represented, says Lynn Bartlett, Librarian of the Butzell Branch Library, Detroit. Stella King, Chairman of the Island's Library Board, has sent her greetings and is arranging a special visit for us to the Stewart House, headquarters for the old John J. Astor Fur Company. Arrange your schedule and make it a "special" vacation and conference.

We'll be seeing you at Mackinac.

Alta Parks

FERRY SCHEDULE MACKINAW CITY - - MACKINAC ISLAND

June 25 through September 10

LVE. MACKINAW CITY	-	-	9:00 A.M. 1:15 P.M.	10:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.	11:15 A.M. 6:45 P.M.
LVE. MACKINAC ISLE	-	-	9:00 A.M. 2:15 P.M.	10:15 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

MACKINAC CONFERENCE

AUGUST 31

Thursday Evening 8:00 P.M.

Welcome _____ *Alta Parks, President*

Historic Mackinac ----- *Mr. W.F. Doyle, Chairman*
Mackinac Park Commission

Reception, in charge of

Catalog Section -----Mrs. Frances J. Brewer, Chairman

Assisted by the Junior
Members Section ----- -- *Mr. Forrest H. Alter, Chairman*

SEPTEMBER 1—FRIDAY

Breakfasts for Sections

Adult Education -----*Mr. Otto Yntema, Chairman*

Children's -----Miss Louise Singley, Chairman

College ----- *Miss Phoebe Lumaree, Chairman*

General Session

Discussion of Public Library

Inquiry -----Adult Education Section

Luncheon, Trustees Section----- *Mr. J. W. Baird, Trustee*

Afternoon ----- Tour of Island

Dinner -----Speaker Nationally Known

SEPTEMBER 2—SATURDAY

Breakfasts for Sections

Reference ----- *Mrs. Mildred Hulme, Chairman*

Catalog ----- *Mrs. Frances Brewer, Chairman*

School Libraries Section ----- *Miss Lucille Prange, Chairman*

General Session

Discussion of Public Library

Inquiry -----Adult Education Section

Luncheon, School - Childrens Librarians

Section _____ *Richard Chase, Speaker*

Mr. Richard Chase, who will speak at the final M.L.A. luncheon on September 2nd at Mackinac, on the subject, "Our Cultural Heritage," is a folklorist who is now living in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He was first sent to this area during the days of the W.P.A. Writers Project to collect old Anglo-Saxon tales handed down by word of mouth. He is now directing the 1st Annual Lee-Wise Folk Festival to be staged in Gap's Bullitt Park similar to the International Festival held in the Royal Albert Hall in London in January, 1950. He has taught the folk arts in Boston, spoken on folk traditions to a meeting of 2500 teachers in Asheville, and lectured and told tales in Greenboro, N. C., during Book Week, 1949. His fourth book to be published by Houghton Mifflin this fall will be *Jack's wife and the three sillies*.

Mrs. Wylie would like to have all committee reports ready for the Annual report on June 15.

Deadline for the October Michigan Librarian: September 15.

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THE MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER

by

Ralph T. Esterquest, Director

A new development in American library history was started last fall when, on October 1, the Midwest Inter-Library Center was established in the city of Chicago. The Center, a creation of The Midwest Inter-Library Corporation, is an attempt on the part of the principal middlewestern universities to meet cooperatively the problem of the ever-expanding research library.

During the past fifty years the university libraries of the region have been rapidly accumulating the books and other materials needed for expanding research needs. They have had to grow fast. But now they have come to a crossroads and realize they can no longer hope to acquire everything that their readers and research scholars will need.

For one thing, libraries are now approaching the point where there are not enough copies of research materials to be in every library where research in that subject is being carried on. Furthermore, the amount of materials being issued by the presses of the world, and needed for research, is too vast to be within the financial resources of any one institution. And finally, libraries are more than ever aware that space and staff for assembling and organizing material cannot be expanded indefinitely.

Because they feel that now is the time to re-examine library policies, administrators, faculty, and librarians of middlewestern universities have decided to take a bold stand against unconditional acceptance of traditional practices. They are seeking, through cooperation, to prevent the duplication, confusion, and fragmentary service that seem to be ahead.

In March, 1949, the Midwest Inter-Library Corporation was incorporated under Illinois Law, a ten-man Board of Directors was chosen, and a \$1,000,000 capital fund came into existence through two gifts: \$750,000 from the Carnegie Corporation and \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. The governing board of directors, since increased to twelve members, includes one person appointed by each of the participating institutions, and includes two university presidents, three librarians, one university trustee, one provost, one graduate dean, and three university business officers.

The present membership of the Corporation includes, The Universities of Chicago, Cincinnati, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame, and Wisconsin; Illinois Institute of Technology, Michigan State College, Northwestern University, and Purdue University.

The University of Chicago has given the land, and architects have completed drawings for a building to be constructed on Chicago's south side, in the 5700 block of Cottage Grove Avenue. It will have twenty individual study cubicles for visiting scholars, and a bookstack capacity of 2,000,000 volumes. It will contain space for photoreproduction activities, and will have both microfilm and microcard reading rooms. Construction begins during June, and the completed building will be ready for occupancy on January 1, 1951.

A full-time director has been employed since October 1, and until the new building is ready the infant organization is being housed on the University of Chicago campus at 1116 East 59th Street.

The Midwest Inter-Library Center proposes, during its initial period, to carry on two major activities: (1) cooperative collecting and housing of little-used materials for the use of the region as a whole, (2) developing a program for filling-out and enriching the resources of the region.

It is expected that when the Center's truck begins to make its calls at participating libraries next January to pick up books, newspapers, periodicals and other little-used research items earmarked for storage in Chicago, some 1200 tons of books and newspapers will be ready to be transported.

In order that space relief may be offered quickly, and in order that material assembled in Chicago may be organized expeditiously, certain classes of materials will be represented most heavily in initial deposits. Among the classes designated are: state documents, older textbooks, dissertations, foreign parliamentary proceedings, college catalogs, house organs, trade publications, and directories.

To illustrate the method of assembling material, the state documents program might be described. It is contemplated that member libraries will deposit all state government publica-

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A. L. A. GROUP ANNUITY PLAN

On April 1, 1933, through a contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the group annuity plan of the American Library Association went into effect. Considerable publicity was released on the plan immediately after its inception. When it was learned that premium rates would be increased April 1, 1938, another series of articles called it to the profession's attention just prior to that date. But since that time relatively little has appeared about it in library periodicals. For the benefit of those members of the A.L.A. not covered by other retirement systems it seems desirable to note again the existence of the plan and some of its features.

The plan is available to any personal member of the A.L.A. who has been in library work at least two years. Library school attendance may be counted toward these two years. A librarian participating in the plan as an individual buys annuities at the rate of five percent of each month's salary. If an employing institution subscribes to the plan it contributes monthly four-fifths of the amount paid by each of its staff members.

The minimum monthly contribution is three dollars. As an example of how the plan works, a 30-year old woman joining the plan at present with a salary of \$3000 a year would contribute \$13 a month until she became 65, allowing for no increases in salary over that period.* (Members of the plan are expected to increase their monthly payments on the certificate anniversary if their salaries have been increased sufficiently to place them in a different premium bracket.) After the payment of \$13 monthly for 35 years the above librarian will receive monthly annuity payments of \$38.37.

Where the institution employing the librarian described above has been contributing to the plan over the same period of 35 years the

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* Example taken from a chapter by R. Paul Bartolini in an unpublished manuscript being prepared by the A.L.A. Committee on Annuities, Pensions, and Life Insurance and entitled, "Aspects of Retirement Provisions for Librarians".

TABULATION BY THE MICHIGAN STATE LIBRARY OF THE NUMBERS OF LIBRARIES IN MICHIGAN WITH AND WITHOUT A RETIREMENT SYSTEM

No. of Libraries By Class	With a Retirement System Type of Library			Without a Retirement System or Unreported			Total
	Local	Public or School	State or Municipal	No Plan	No Answer	No Report	
Class V 40 (More than 15,000 pop.)	13	12	9	5	0	1	40
Class IV 21 (10,000 to 14,999 pop.)	3	2	4	12	0	0	21
Class III 56 (5,000 to 9,999 pop.)	3	12	5	29	3	3	55*
Class II 44 (3,000 to 4,999 pop.)	0	12	1	13	12	1	44
Class I 126 (Less than 3,000 pop.)	0	7	0	38	66	12	123**
Asso. & Subscription with tax support 23	0	0	0	8	12	3	23
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				Pending, closed, and reports questioned			4
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* 1 State Municipal Pending

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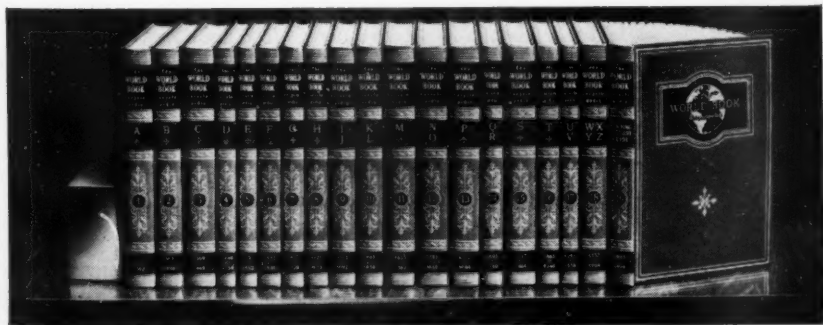
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M.L.A. NOMINEES 1950-1951

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Michigan Library Association, the Committee on Nominations presents the following candidates for office in the Association for the coming year. Official ballots are sent to all members in good standing. Results will be announced at the annual conference August 31 - September 2.

FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (President-elect)



ROBERT M. ORR, Director of Public Libraries, Grosse Pointe. A.B., University of Illinois, 1936; B.S. in L.S., University of Illinois Library School, 1937. Staff Assistant, University of Illinois Library, 1936-37; Junior Staff Assistant, Detroit Public Library, 1937-39; Assistant Extension Librarian, Springfield, Illinois Public Library, 1939-40; District Librarian for Southern Illinois, WPA-Illinois State Library, 1940-41; U.S. Army Air Forces, 1941-45; District Librarian, Northern Illinois, Illinois State Library, 1945-47; Librarian, Branch County Library, 1947-49; Director of Public Libraries, Grosse Pointe, 1949-to date. Member, A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Chairman, A.L.A. Membership Committee, Michigan, 1947-49; Member-at-Large of Executive Board, M.L.A. 1948-49; Member, M.L.A. Legislative Committee, 1948-49; Chairman, County Librarian's Section, M.L.A., 1948-49; Michigan Representative on A.L.A. Council, 1949; Member, M.L.A. Public Relations Committee, 1950.



CLIFFORD B. WIGHTMAN, Librarian, Hackley Public Library, Muskegon. A.B. in Education, University of Michigan, 1929; A.B.L.S., University of Michigan, 1930; M.A.L.S., University of Michigan, 1934; Graduate work, University of Chicago, summer 1941. In charge of Chemical Engineering Library, University of Michigan, 1930-34; Reference Librarian and Instructor in Library Science, Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, 1934-38; Associate Librarian, Grand Rapids (Michigan) Public Library, 1938-41; Librarian, Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Free Public Library, 1941-48; Librarian, Hackley Public Library, 1948-to date. Member A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Committee on Relations with State Government, M.L.A., 1939; Chairman, M.L.A. District 4, 1940; General Chairman, State Conference, M.L.A., 1940; Treasurer, Pennsylvania Library Association, 1944-47; Chairman, Public Library Section, P.L.A., 1947-48; Member, Planning Committee, M.L.A., 1947-50. Chairman, 1950.

FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

DENA BABCOCK, Librarian, Menominee County Library, Menominee. A.B., Hillsdale (Michigan) College; studied at University of Chicago and at Columbia University; Library Training Course at Indianapolis Public Library; B.L.S. New York State Library School, Albany. Reference Librarian, Hackley Public School, Muskegon; teacher, Columbia University Library School; Reference Librarian, Madison (Wisconsin) Public Library; Librarian, Menominee County Library, September, 1945-to date. Member, A.L.A.; N.L.A.

MRS. NANCY B. THOMAS, Librarian, Carnegie Public Library, Escanaba. A.B., Michigan, 1909, M.A., 1921; University of Wisconsin Library School, 1922. Assistant, graduate reading room, University of Michigan Library, spring, 1921; Librarian, Carnegie Public Library, Escanaba, 1922-27; Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, Michigan, 1927-34; Appleton Free Public Library, Appleton (Wisconsin), 1934-44; Librarian, Carnegie Public Library, Escanaba, 1945-to date. Member, A.L.A.

FOR SECRETARY

CLOVER M. FLANDERS, Chief Extension Librarian, General Library, University of Michigan. Ph.B., University of Chicago, 1929; B.S. in L.S., University of Illinois, 1931. Branch Librarian, Berwyn (Illinois) Public Library, 1931-35; Reference Librarian, Highland Park (Illinois) Public Library, 1935-42; Librarian, School of Education Library, University of Michigan, 1942-44; Librarian, Detroit Branch, University of Michigan, 1944-48; Chief Extension Librarian, 1948-to date. Member, A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Chairman, Public Relations Committee, M.L.A., 1947-49.

DOROTHY E. HIATT, Librarian, Macomb County Library. A.B., Butler University, 1922; Indiana State Library training class, 1922; B.S. in L.S. University of Illinois, 1939. Indianapolis Public Library training class, work with children, 1924; Branch Assistant, Indianapolis Public Library, 1922-25; Branch Head, Indianapolis Public Library, 1926; Children's Librarian, Jacksonville (Illinois) 1926-38; Librarian, Jacksonville (Illinois) Public Library, 1939-45; Chief, Extension Service, Illinois State Library, 1945-47; Librarian, Macomb County Library, 1947-to date. Member A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Member-at-large, Executive Board of I.L.A., 1941-42; Vice-President, I.L.A., 1942-43; President, I.L.A., 1942-43; Member Executive Board, I.L.A., 1934-44; Legislative Steering Committee, I.L.A., 1943-44; Legislative Chairman, I.L.A., 1944-45; Member, Planning Committee, M.L.A., 1947-48; Chairman, Planning Committee, M.L.A., 1948-49; Member, Extension Board, A.L.A., 1948-51.

FOR TREASURER

H. GLEN FITCH, Librarian, Hillsdale College. A.B., Michigan State Normal College, 1934; B.S. in L.S., Library School, George Peabody College for Teachers, 1935; M.A., Michigan State College, 1939. Part-time evening reference librarian, Michigan State College, 1935-37; Reference Librarian, Michigan State College, 1937-46; Librarian, Hillsdale College, 1946-to date. Member, A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Vice-Chairman, M.L.A. District 2, 1946-47; Chairman of same district, 1947-48; Treasurer, M.L.A., 1950.

FRANCIS SCANNELL, Assistant Chief of the General Information Department, Detroit Public Library. A. B., Harvard University, 1942; B.S., Columbia University School of Library Science, 1943. Reference Assistant, Boston Public Library, General Reference Department, 1943-46; Detroit Public Library, 1946-to date. Former member, Massachusetts Library Association; Member, A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Chairman, Auditing Committee, M.L.A., 1948-49.

FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (Professional Group)

DOROTHY HANSEN, Head, Children's Section and Traveling Library, Michigan State Library. B. Ed., State Teachers College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 1931; Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Summers 1931-37; B.S. in L.S. University of Minnesota, 1941; University of Chicago Library Institute, 1945-49. Teacher Librarian, Augustus (Wisconsin) High School, 1931-35; Teacher, Tracy (Minnesota) High School, 1935-37; Junior High School Librarian, Chisholm, Minnesota, 1937-39; Statewide Library Project, Minnesota, 1940-41; Children's Librarian, Free Public Library, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1941-42; Librarian, Van Buren County Library, 1942-43; Head, Children's Section and Traveling Library, Michigan State Library, 1943-to date. Member, A.L.A.; M.L.A.; Chairman, Children's Section, M.L.A., 1944-45.

ELSA STRUBLE, Librarian, Mt. Pleasant Public Library. A.B., Alma College; B.L.S., University of Michigan, 1944; Librarian, Alma (Michigan) Public Library, 1929-43; Assistant Librarian, Ingham County, 1943-45; Assistant Librarian, Royal Oak Public Library, 1945-47; Librarian, Mt. Pleasant Public Library, 1948-to date. Past Chairman, Adult Education Committee, M.L.A.; Chairman, District 6, M.L.A., 1948.

FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (Trustees Group)

THOMAS G. LONG, Lawyer and Commissioner of the Detroit Library. L.L.B., University of Michigan, 1901. Admitted to the Michigan Bar, 1904, and in practice since 1904. Member, Butzel, Eaman, Long, Gust and Kennedy; Commissioner of the Detroit Library, 1944-to date. Member, Board of Directors Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Fruehauf Trailer Co., Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Member, American Bar Association, American Political Science Association, American Economic Association, American Academy of Political and Social Science.

CLIFFORD W. MCKIBBIN, East Lansing Library Board, East Lansing, Michigan. Active member and Past President of Lansing Board of Realtors; Member and Past President of Michigan Real Estate Association; Member and Past President of Friends of the Library of Michigan State College; Member, Legislative Committee, M.L.A., 1948-49.

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tions which they define as little-used. In some instances, this portion may be as much as 70 or 80 percent of the total state documents holdings of an institution. During a designated period, state publications from all participating libraries will be assembled and organized at the Center. Duplicates will be eliminated, and a staff of experts will arrange the assembled collection and attempt to fill in gaps quickly in order that within a year or two the Center can announce that a reasonably complete regional collection of all the publications of the forty-eight states is on hand and available to members.

The individual library is thus relieved of a number of responsibilities: it no longer needs to give valuable stack space to infrequently used state documents, it no longer needs to maintain elaborate records for checking in state documents serials, it no longer needs to devote expensive personnel to the time-consuming job of corresponding with state agencies claiming missing numbers and establishing relations for new titles, and it no longer needs to maintain cataloging records, nor to bind or pamphlet-box extensive holdings of infrequently used state publications.

All this, of course, must be done at the Inter-Library Center, but the saving lies in the fact that the Center does once what has formerly been done in some eight or ten individual libraries in the middlewest. By eliminating this kind of duplication, individual member libraries hope to devote more energy and funds to improving service and acquiring needed new materials. The Midwest Inter-Library Center has the funds necessary to fill in gaps and improve such collections as the state documents program suggests.

Law librarians in the area are particularly interested in a plan to assemble in the Center a comprehensive collection of the briefs and records of the various state supreme courts and the federal Courts of Appeal. This material is often available at little cost, but few law libraries in the middlewest have been able to assemble extensive holdings because of the space required to house even a few years. The documents of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials is another example of bulky materials which the Center will house for the joint use of participating libraries.

Among the initial programs, one of great significance is the joint acquisitions plan which will purchase research items that do not now exist in any of the member libraries. There is wide agreement that the purchase of certain

expensive but infrequently used sets can be justified on a regional share-the-cost basis where they cannot be acquired by even the wealthiest institutions on an individual basis. If this program goes forward it will give real meaning to one of the basic objectives of the Midwest Inter-Library Corporation, that of enriching the resources of the region.

Research scholars see much good sense in the plans of the Midwest Inter-Library, but they are often concerned over the possibility of having materials — even infrequently used materials — at some distance from the home campus. Favorable reception to the Center's plans comes after two aspects are pointed out: (1) the research man must realize that having an item available in the Chicago Center is better than not having it at all; these are in many cases the only alternatives that exist under present day conditions; and (2) modern communications can stream-line lending transactions to prevent the delays of the traditional inter-library loans. For example, the Center will be attached to each member library by direct teletype wire, and requested items will usually be available on a twenty-four hour service. Furthermore, material sent to a research scholar does not need to be returned after a set period, but may be kept for purposes of his research program for whatever period seems justified.

No one knows precisely what services the Midwest Inter-Library Center will undertake during the next ten or twenty years, nor even what the initial services will mean to participating and non-participating libraries. As the Midwest Center grows to contain 2,000,000 and more volumes, its assets should have a bearing on meeting reader needs, at all levels of research, throughout the middlewest.

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annuity payment the librarian will receive monthly at 65 will be \$77.13. It is obvious that an individual librarian cannot provide adequate income for his retirement by contributing only 5% of his monthly salary to the A.L.A. group annuity plan over a period of 35 years. Yet deductions of more than 5% from the sort of salaries librarians receive would probably work hardships. If employing libraries can be induced to participate in the plan, it will be of much more interest to librarians than it is on an individual basis. Questions about the plan should be addressed to: R. E. Dooley, Comptroller, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

The Public Library Demonstration Bill (HR 874) was defeated on March 9th by the narrow margin of three votes. The final vote was 164 against 161 in favor. The defeat, following five hours of strenuous debate, was due to a number of factors. The Bill became a party matter, several Representatives called it a "socialistic bill" and a number said the nation could not afford it. Representative Lesinski (Mich.), however, made a strong appeal for the Bill and said, in part, "I am convinced by the fact that we have here a powerful but cheap weapon for strengthening democracy at home. In order to make the free system of Government work, our people must all have access to adequate information and education. One of the master keys to information and education in the United States is the public library . . ."

It is quite certain that the Public Library Bill will be reintroduced in the next session of Congress. Future plans for the Bill are to be discussed by the A.L.A. Federal Relations Committee during the week of April 16th. In the meantime please write to your Congressmen thanking those who supported the Bill

and telling those who voted against it why you would like their support on similar legislation which may be presented in the future.

The following list records the vote of the Michigan Representatives on H.R.874, Public Library Demonstration Bill:

Voted for the Bill

Dingell (Dem.)
Lesinski (Dem.)

Voted against the Bill

Bennett (Rep.)	Hoffman (Rep.)
Blackney (Rep.)	Michener (Rep.)
Crawford (Rep.)	O'Brien (Dem.)
Dondero (Rep.)	Rabaut (Dem.)
Engel (Rep.)	Shafer (Rep.)
Ford (Rep.)	Wolcott (Rep.)
Woodruff (Rep.)	

Not voting but paired for the Bill
Sadowski (Dem.)

Not voting but paired against the Bill
Potter (Rep.)
Charles M. Mohrhardt, Chairman
Federal Relations Committee.

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1950 DISTRICT MEETINGS

by
Marian C. Young
First Vice-President
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The districts of the Michigan Library Association chose for their theme this spring "Beyond the Survey", and developed it in various ways. Most meetings took a look at the findings of various reports of the Public Library Inquiry, discussed their recommendations and went on to the practical consideration of "Where do we go from here" and "What shall we do about the recommendations?" Several districts came out with excellent suggestions for the association as a whole as well as ideas to improve future district meetings.

DISTRICT I

District I met at the Four Flags Hotel in Niles on Thursday, April 20, with Maureen Fisher, chairman. Coffee was a welcome beginning for the day. Sixty-six librarians and twenty-six trustees registered. At the joint meeting of librarians and trustees, Mrs. Florence Dearing spoke for the State Board of Libraries; Ruth Warncke brought news from the Legislative Committee; Mate Graye Hunt told of the needs of the Scholarship Committee so tellingly that later the group passed the hat for contributions and also voted that any surplus left after the meeting expenses were paid should go toward workshop scholarships.

Lillian Anderson, of Kalamazoo summarized the work of the Public Library Inquiry with the assistance of Lois Ingling, who spoke on the Miller report on *The Book Industry*.

The librarians and trustees then separated for

business meetings. They met again around the luncheon table, when Otto Yntema and a representative panel talked of "What Librarians and Trustees Think about the Public Library Inquiry." The whole conference was brought into the discussion through the use of a modified Phillips' 66 arrangement.

DISTRICT II

Mary Payne and her able committee arranged a delightful coffee hour to set the friendly informal tone for the District II meeting in Jackson, April 13. At the joint meeting of librarians and trustees Mrs. Fyan spoke for the State Board for Libraries, Eleanor Ferguson represented the Legislative committee, Mrs. Grace Burgett spoke for the Scholarship Committee, Hazel Whipple for Membership and Mrs. Fannie Noonan for Public Relations. Marian C. Young, Vice-President, summarized the work of other committees. A round table discussion of what libraries are doing pointed up new and exciting activities in the district. After brief business meetings, trustees and librarians came together again for a luncheon which showed imagination in menu planning.

Mrs. Fyan acted as moderator at the afternoon discussion of the Public Library Inquiry, which pointed chiefly to the Garceau Report. *The Public Library in the Political Process*. Panel members were: Isaac Grove, LaDonis James King, Althea Warren, Rex Wedel, and William Wood.

DISTRICT III

Coffee was served while the group gathered

in the Mark Twain Branch of the Detroit Public Library for the District III meeting on Wednesday, April 19. Elsie Gordon, Branch Librarian, brought greetings from the Detroit Public Library; Marian Young spoke for the Michigan Library Association; Mrs. Thelma Kramer for the Trustees Section. After Committee reports, Rev. Walton E. Cole, First Congregational Church, Detroit, a member of the State Board for Libraries, spoke on "What the Community Should Expect from the Library," with emphasis on the steadily rising level of education and the necessity of meeting the demands of progress with appropriate library services. Librarians and trustees separated into two groups for their business sessions.

After a buffet luncheon, Roy Schlinkert, Acting Personnel Director, Detroit Public Library, led a panel consisting of two librarians, a trustee, a student, a school superintendent and a community representative in a discussion of "Beyond the Survey — What?" There was lively discussion when the meeting was thrown open to the total group.

The Professional Section members of the Detroit Public Library Staff Association acted as hosts for tea at the new Benjamin Franklin Branch of the Detroit Public Library which concluded the meeting. There were 212 people registered for the meeting.

DISTRICT IV

Coffee started the day at the District IV meeting at Hope College, Holland, on May 5. Mrs. Ruth Abrams set the pace by calling the meetings promptly. After greetings and reports on the activities of the Association, State Board, and various committees, the librarians and trustees separated for their business sessions. Dr. George H. Hilliard of Western Michigan College of Education told of his findings on Librarianship as a Career as viewed by freshmen at the College in a short survey. "My Library Association" was the theme of a fine panel following and brought out many good suggestions for the thinking of the Executive Board in future plans. Represented were a trustee, a librarian from a small city, a college librarian, a county librarian, and a school librarian. Florence Harnau acted as leader.

DISTRICT V

Snow did not daunt the 105 librarians and trustees who registered when District V met in Saginaw on April 26. The chairman, Beatrice Prall, was hostess. Reports from the State Board, Executive Board of Michigan

Library Association and various committees were given and then Dr. Roger Cuff, instructor at Central Michigan College, spoke on "My Experiences in Writing and Publishing a Book." In the afternoon the trustees of the Section, under the direction of Mrs. Albert Babion, held their business meeting and discussed Library Activities of the State by means of a question-box. The librarians were given an opportunity to see the microcard reader and the Audio-Visual Center. Tea was served at the Butman-Fish Library.

DISTRICT VI

Mrs. Josephine Hall, Librarian at Manton, was chairman for the District VI meeting at Manistee on Tuesday, May 16. Mrs. Fyan brought greetings from the State Board for Libraries and Marian C. Young told of the work of Michigan Library Association committees. Eleanor Ferguson, chairman, described the program of the Legislative Committee. Louise F. Rees, School Library Consultant, Michigan State Library, gave a book talk. Librarians and trustees held separate business sessions. After lunch the groups again came together for a discussion of the Public Library Inquiry. Louise Rees was chairman of the panel.

DISTRICT VII

The High School Library at Hancock was the meeting place for District VII on Saturday, May 20. At the morning session Mrs. Fyan discussed our responsibilities as librarians and as trustees. Eleanor Ferguson, Legislative chairman, reported on the work of her committee. Other Michigan Library Association Committee work was described by Marian C. Young. The Public Library Inquiry was discussed by a panel headed by Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas. After lunch, Dorothy Shipman gave a travelogue. Alice Clapp, chairman, presided at the business session for librarians and William J. Cummings was chairman for the trustee group.

SPRING INSTITUTE

The opening meeting of the two-day Spring Institute held in Flint on May 12-13 was a talk on Friday morning by Miss Ola B. Hiller, Director of Radio Education, Flint Public Schools, showing several types of good radio programs the librarian can produce for children.

The afternoon meeting was to "Meet the Authors": Jean and John George, Elizabeth Howard, and Laura Bannon. Genevieve Foster was the speaker for the evening banquet.

PRESIDENTS AND EDITORS

A resolution regarding membership adopted at the Trans-Mississippi Regional Conference meeting of the A.L.A. Presidents & Editors Round Table at Fort Collins, Colorado, and later submitted for discussion and expression of opinion to the other regionals, was presented at the Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, January 28, 1950, as follows: "That a recommendation should be made to the national officers of the Round Table that the membership of the Round Table be expanded so that, instead of each state association president being a member for a year only, he (or she) is a member during one year as *president-elect*, one year as *president*, and one year as *past-president* (or for such periods as are consonant with each or all of these offices as provided by each state association), in order to provide better continuity and effectiveness for any programs and actions which the Round Table, in cooperation with the American Library Association of which it is a part, might wish to undertake." It was moved and carried that this resolution be incorporated into the constitution of the Round Table to take effect this year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

At the April 4 meeting of the Executive Board in Lansing the secretary read a communication from Mr. Clark Trow, President of the Michigan Council for Unesco, giving information concerning the purpose and program of that organization. In the short discussion which followed it was pointed out that many benefits can be derived by an organizational membership and the M.L.A. can lend interest and support to the objectives of the Michigan Council. Mrs. Fyan reported that the Michigan State Library has a membership with the organization.

A motion was made by Miss Young that the Michigan Library Association pay a \$15.00 membership fee for a regular State organizational membership in the Michigan Council for Unesco. The motion was seconded by Miss LeFevre. Motion carried. This membership includes the privilege of an official representative on the Council, a subscription to the *Unesco Courier* and full voting privileges.

CATALOG SECTION

The spring meeting of the section will be held at the Engineering Society of Detroit, Rackham Educational Memorial, 100 Farnsworth Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, June 9th, 1950, at 12:30 p. m. Luncheon \$2.10.

The main feature of our program will be a panel discussion. The topic: Public Services and Catalog Departments — Conflict or Cooperation? Mr. William Chait, Librarian, Kalamazoo Public Library, Moderator. Panel: Mrs. Virginia A. Alexander, Head, Catalog and Order Departments, State Library, Lansing; Miss Elsie Gordon, Chief, Mark Twain Branch, Detroit Public Library; Mr. Robert Orr, Director, Public Library, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Mr. Victor A. Schaefer, Assistant Director, General Libraries, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Mr. Roy Schlinkert, Assistant Director, Detroit Public Library; Mr. Clarence Weaver, Head, Catalog Department, Public Library, Grand Rapids.

The topic should be of general interest and we hope to welcome friends of our members from public service departments. Luncheon reservations should be addressed to the chairman of the section.

We have succeeded in securing a Nominating Committee for 1950-51. Mrs. Benjamin A. Custer, Detroit Art Institute, has kindly agreed to accept the chairmanship. Mrs. Christine Bruer, Burton Historical Collection and Mrs. Roscelia G. Nelson, Public Library, Hamtramck, are serving as members.

One of the problems of all Regional Groups of Catalogers (with the exception of the Louisiana and Alabama regions, which have completed their task) is the compilation of State Author Headings for which the groups are held responsible by the D.C.C. I am therefore very happy that Miss Lillian Eross has agreed to undertake this strenuous task for the Michigan Group as a one-man committee. We owe her our special thanks for taking this burden off the section's conscience.

Frances J. Brewer, Chairman,
Michigan Regional Group of
Catalogers.

COLLEGE SECTION

Compiled by Phoebe Lumaree, Chairman
Ferris Institute Library

The Ferris Institute Library in Big Rapids was completely destroyed when the Pharmacy Building burned on February 21st. The Library is now located in a temporary barracks and the process of rebuilding the collection is progressing.

The State Library was most helpful in loaning books so that the library could reopen immediately following the fire. Dr. Warner Rice of the University of Michigan very generously took time to drive to Big Rapids

with books that were needed at once. Other libraries throughout the state — Phelps Free Library in Big Rapids, Hoyt Public Library in Saginaw, Greenville School-Public Library, Marquette County Historical Society, and the Dow Chemical Company Library in Midland — and libraries from other states, as well as individuals, have responded to the library's need with worthwhile collections of books.

A group of women in Big Rapids, headed by Mrs. Gordon H. Yoe, organized an Emergency Book Fund drive to obtain money to purchase needed reference material immediately. A substantial sum of money has been raised to date and many new books are now on the library shelves.

Although the library staff is small—the librarian, assistant, typist, and one student assistant,—the work of processing the new books is progressing smoothly.

Visitors to Big Rapids are cordially invited to visit the library and see what has been accomplished so far. The response of friends has been very encouraging and the library is being enlarged as rapidly as possible.

Student Library Contest

On April 24, Kalamazoo College through its Library Committee sponsored its annual students' "Private Libraries Contest." The first prize of fifteen dollars, contributed jointly by the College and the Student Senate, was awarded to Maurice Alberda, Jr., Grand Rapids. There were four additional awards consisting of a five dollar certificate for the purchase of books from the following local book dealers: The Athena Book Shop; Beecher, Kymer & Patterson, Inc.; Bogue Book Shop; and the Kalamazoo College Book Store. These were won by Norman Armstrong, Green Lake, Wis.; Jack J. Porter, Galesburg, Mich.; A. David Petrilli, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Richard Windisch, Scarsdale, N. Y.

For this contest libraries may be entered by any student registered in the college. The collections may be either of general interest or in a specific field. Judgment is based upon the quality of the content of the works without regard to their monetary value. Each library is limited to a display of twenty volumes. Those who acted as judges were Mrs. John Scott Everton, wife of the President of Kalamazoo College; Mr. Russell Strong, State Editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette; and Dr. Willis I. Dunbar, historian, of the WKZO Radio Station.

Libraries were on display at a student tea in the Club Room of the Minnie Mandelle Memorial Library. During the tea Dr. Mulder announced the prize winners and awarded the prizes.

Members of the Contest Committee were: Dr. Arnold Mulder, Chairman of the English Department; Dr. Gunther Bonnin, Chairman of Germanic Languages; Stanley Chalmers, Junior Representative on the Student Senate; and Mrs. Dorothy Hickey, Reference Librarian.

New Buildings and Library Services

Several new buildings and plans for enlarging library services in college libraries are in process. Glen Fitch, Hillsdale College, states that construction of the new Carr Memorial Library was begun on April 10, and that the contractors expect to have the building ready to use this fall. From Father Daniel M. O'Connell, S. J., University of Detroit, comes the report that their new library building will be completed during the summer. When furnished this building will cost around \$1,200,000. Calvin College, Josephine Baker, Librarian, is enlarging its building to almost three times its present size.

The University of Michigan hopes for favorable action on its request for funds with which to build an addition to the Main Library. The plan is to double the size of this building. In the meantime, plans are under way for a Medical Science Library in the Medical Research Building made possible by the Kresge gift. So far drawings are in their preliminary stage, but the space allotted to the Library will be ample for reading rooms and the accommodation of 200,000-250,000 volumes with possibilities for expansion. Also, improvements planned for the Natural Science Building include an enlargement of library space there. Preliminary drawings indicate that space for readers can be doubled by building over the passageway to the rear of the auditorium and that stack space of 35,000 volumes can be provided in the present court of the building. The appropriation for these improvements, however, is still under consideration in the Legislature.

An interesting example of extension of service is found in Aquinas College Library. It is open to outside borrowers as well as to its own college clientele. Many requests are received for philosophical works, particularly those of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The library owns several editions of the works of St. Thomas, including the Leonine edition of the

Opera Omnia (not yet completed). The staff aims to build a strong Catholic reference collection rather than a general circulating library. For this reason the library owns reference works not usually purchased by small college libraries, for example, the major French theological, philosophical, Biblical, and archaeological dictionaries and encyclopedias. Sister Mary Malachi, Librarian, states that as soon as they have a regular library building, they hope to make known their holdings to students, professors, preachers, and others who look for these facilities.

Library Annex at Michigan State College

When classes began on Monday morning, September 26, 1949, the renovation of the former Physics Building to serve as a Library Annex had been completed, the rooms had been equipped, and such library facilities as the Assigned Reading Room, the Current Periodical Reading Room, the Periodical and Binding Department, and all federal documents and bound Michigan documents had been moved into the Annex, where an augmented professional staff, with an increased number of student help, began daily and nightly service.

With this much-needed expansion, the M.S.C. Library acquired, in a building just across the driveway from the main building, an increase of nearly sixty percent in cubic space. At this writing, the main library seats 655 readers and the Annex seats 515. When the seating capacities of four official departmental libraries (130) are added and the seats counted in such unofficial reading rooms as the one maintained by the School of Engineering on the first floor of Olds Hall, together with the 100 seats available in the libraries in the various men's dormitories an over-all seating capacity of approximately 1700 can be claimed, which is comfortably above the ten percent minimum standard, since the total fall enrollment this year equates down to 15,400 full-time students.

In the first month of operation in the new location the Assigned Reading Room circulated over 20,000 volumes.

In moving the current Periodical Reading Room to the Annex it has been possible to return to the popular openshelf, subject arrangement, in place of the awkward and unsatisfactory arrangement of alphabetized titles behind closed shelves, which was found necessary in the immediate post-war years.

In moving the federal documents to the Annex, over half a mile of steel shelving in

the basement stack tier of the main library was cleared. But this will be fully absorbed again by the first of the year after an expansion shift is made throughout the stacks. It happens that this shift will involve in particular the fields of philosophy, philology and fine arts, although growth is more or less equally extensive in all major fields in the M.S.C. Library. It is now necessary to accommodate approximately 30,000 additional volumes every year.

Bound general journals such as the *Atlantic Monthly* and the *Yale Review* have been shifted to the stacks formerly occupied by assigned reading books; and during the Christmas recess the bound volumes of the *New York Times* were added in this same area, in order that the pressure at the Main Circulation Desk during the peak period in the writing of the investigation paper in Written and Spoken English may be lessened.

The former current Periodical Reading Room has become a general reading room; and the former departmental office has been assigned to the Serial Cataloger and to other members of the cataloging staff, whose total number has been augmented by no less than three additional assistants, assuring a sharp reduction in the mounting arrearages of unprocessed books, which were accumulating at the rate of nearly 14,000 volumes a year prior to this fall.

Freshman Library Orientation

Library instruction at Emmanuel Missionary College is given to all students enrolled in freshmen English courses. This instruction consists of a pre-test, lecture, and library tour during Freshmen Orientation. During the year four lectures are given by a member of the library staff to each of the ten sections of freshman English with each lecture followed by a mimeographed assignment sheet that requires the use of library materials. The instruction is staggered to avoid congestion in the library. As a finale a second test is given. A comparison of the scores on the two tests gives the student an opportunity to determine the progress he has made in library skills, and gives the members of the library staff an opportunity to evaluate their instruction.

A detailed description of the instruction and its results for the years 1947-48 and 1948-49 can be found in Miss Barbara Phipps' thesis, "A Study of Library Instruction at Emmanuel Missionary College." It is available through inter-library loan from the University

of Michigan Library and from Emmanuel Missionary College Library.

Radio Reviews

Western Michigan College has this fall inaugurated a fifteen minute weekly radio program over WKZO at 4:45 p.m. Fridays. The college librarian, Katharine Stokes, was asked to do a three minute book review each week and succeeded in interesting several staff members, namely, Hazel Cleveland, Hazel DeMeyer, and Taisto Niemi, in alternating with her in preparing and presenting the reviews. The editor of the college newspaper soon asked if he might print in each Friday's issue the review that would be given that afternoon. This double use of their material pleases the librarians very much. They're also benefiting personally by the free training a speech professor on the campus is giving them during rehearsals. They recommend very highly this bit of faculty-library cooperation to those of you who have similar invitations.

Personnel

It is with regret that word has been received from the University of Michigan of the death on March 30, of *Mrs. Pauline Waite Skarshaug*, a librarian at the University since 1828. She joined the staff as an assistant in the Extension Service Library, became an assistant curator of rare books in 1929, and was a senior divisional librarian in the Graduate Reading Room at the time of her death.

Before joining the University library staff, Mrs. Skarshaug worked in the Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and as a summer assistant in the New York Public Library.

She was a member of the American Library Association, the Michigan Library Association, the Association of College and Reference Librarians, the Bibliographical Society of America, the Michigan State Historical Society, the Washtenaw Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society, and the Society of New England Women.

Georgia Davis Phillips, for thirty years a member of the library staff of Wayne University and its predecessors, retired on December 31, 1949. She became librarian of Detroit Junior College on March 1, 1920, shortly after graduating from the University of Michigan. As the Junior College evolved into the College (and later the Colleges) of the City of Detroit, and finally, in 1932, became Wayne University, Mrs. Phillips played a major role in the development of a library system which totalled something over 360,-

000 volumes at the time of her retirement. In their organization, the collections are almost cataloged, or, as head cataloger since 1936, supervised the cataloging and classification of virtually every book which was in the University Libraries on January 1, 1950.

If ever a librarian earned the right to retire with complete satisfaction with a job well-done, Mrs. Phillips has that right. Hers has been a significantly creative professional career, distinguished on the human as well as the strictly professional side. Her departure leaves a gap at Wayne University which will never be completely filled.

Mrs. Phillips' friends can reach her at 2525 Kemper Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland 20, Ohio.

Audrey Stockton, who for the past four years has been as assistant librarian at Emmanuel College, has accepted a position as assistant librarian at Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington. She will be working with Anna Blackney, who will be remembered by many Michigan librarians as the librarian at Emmanuel Missionary College for a number of years prior to 1944.

Ruth Krueger, who had been Reference Librarian at the Kalamazoo College Library since 1947, left in February to become librarian of the Public Library in Seoul, Korea. She went first to Washington, D. C., and then to New York, for special training in the State Department. She left the United States on April 13, going by way of Anchorage and Tokio. Her address is AMIK-USIE, APO 404 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Dorothy Hickey, formerly Assistant Circulation Librarian at the University of Nebraska, became acting Reference Librarian in the Kalamazoo College Library in February.

The new librarian of the Albion College Library is *Norma M. Hammond*. She came to Albion from the librarianship of Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois. She has also had experience in the High School Library, Oberlin, Ohio, and the Public Library, Lorain, Ohio. Miss Hammond received her library degrees from Western Reserve University and Columbia University.

Alice Ridenour, a former member of the Albion College Library Staff, has accepted a position in the Catalog Department, University of Idaho Library, Moscow, Idaho.

Gertrude VanZee, Kalamazoo College, and *Catherine O'Connell*, Central Michigan Col-

lege of Education, have accepted teaching positions in the Pennsylvania State College Summer Library School.

James McTaggart became Order Librarian at Central Michigan College of Education in September. Before coming to Michigan he was Stack Supervisor at Ohio State.

Mrs. Mary Garvin, assistant in the Reference Department, Central Michigan College, plans to spend the summer in Europe. She will visit England, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.

Sister M. Claudia, Librarian of Marygrove College, has just completed a *Guide to the Documents of Pius XII* which will be published by the Newman Press, Westminster, Maryland, in July or August. The book supplements her earlier *Guide to the Encyclicals* (New York, H. W. Wilson company, 1939). Sister Claudia is chairman of the college section of the Catholic Library Association, and the editor of the monthly page AT YOUR SERVICE in the *Catholic Library World*.

Also at Marygrove College, *Sister M. Palmyre*, Order Librarian is working on a survey of Catholic books published in the United States between 1870 and 1880. This work is part of a project sponsored by Catholic University Library School, which will eventually bridge the gap between Parsons' *Early Catholic Americana* and Romig's *Guide to Catholic Literature*.

George Lenches became Reference Librarian at Marygrove College in September. He was within three months of his doctorate in law and political science at the University of Debrecen, Hungary, when he was taken prisoner by the Nazis. He escaped within a short time and after the American occupation of Germany served as prosecutor for some of the minor trials of the U. S. Army. Mr. Lenches is a competent linguist which has made him invaluable in the few months he has been at Marygrove. He succeeds *Mary E. Griffin* who was married to Michael Krause, Director of the Speech Department, on July 9, 1949.

Eileen Patterson, as a Senior Divisional Librarian, has been placed in charge of the newly established Fine Arts Reading Room in Tappan Hall, University of Michigan.

The consultant in children's literature for the Workshops of St. Mary's Lake and Waldenwoods will be *Hazel Cleveland*, Western Michigan College.

Ada Berkey, Reference Librarian, Western Michigan College, will spend the summer in Europe. She will tour England, Scotland, the

Scandinavian countries, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy.

Margaret M. Robinson, librarian at the Roosevelt Training School, Ypsilanti, Michigan, is going to Western Washington College of Education, Bellingham, Washington, to have charge of the Children's Library.

Esther R. Barth will teach Library Service courses for the first six weeks' term of the Summer Term at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. This is the second summer for Esther to teach there. She is the librarian of Monroe High School, Monroe, Michigan.

Grace Winton, Librarian at Northwestern High School, Detroit, will be Visiting Instructor at the Library School of the Ontario School of Education, University of Toronto for the summer session.

College and University Library Statistics

College Librarians in Michigan who are interested in knowing whether their libraries compare favorably with the other college libraries in the state will have an opportunity to make such a comparison in the fall. The State Library under the supervision of Eudocia Stratton plans to publish statistics for all college and university libraries in the state. These statistics will be based on the current year and will be published in the *Michigan Library News*. Her advisory committee from the College Library Section of the Michigan Library Association is G. Flint Purdy, Wayne University, Samuel McAllister, University of Michigan, and Merrill M. Jones, Michigan State College. It is hoped that all college and university administrators will support this project in order that it may be worthwhile.

Junior Members Section

By the time this issue reaches members of the Association, the Michigan Juniors will have held their State Rally at St. Mary's Lake Camp, just north of Battle Creek. Scheduled for June 3 and 4, the rally was arranged by members of the Executive Board.

The Detroit Juniors' musical program originally scheduled for March 3 had to be postponed until April 13 because of the coal shortage in March. Planned by Helga Herz and Lillian Eross, the program was most successful and almost a hundred dollars was raised for the Josenhans Scholarship Fund.

The Recruiting Committee of the Detroit Juniors staged a program for about sixty high school students from the Metropolitan Detroit Area on April 26. Georgiana Smith, chairman of the committee, and her co-work-

ers arranged a session for Detroit library workers. Each of the libraries divided into specialist interest groups. On Monday in the university library's tower included the Museum

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ers arranged a modified Phillips' 66 discussion for the afternoon. Ruth Rutzen of the Detroit Public Library told the students about library work in general and then introduced each of eight specialists in various fields from libraries located in Detroit. The students were divided into eight groups and met with the specialist who worked in the field of their interest. A Junior familiar with the field sat in with each group. One student from each group reported back to the total group on what he or she had learned.

On May 17, the Detroit Juniors spent the day in Ann Arbor visiting the various University libraries and special collections. The day's tour, arranged by Evelyn Gutowske, included visits to the Arboretum, the University Museum, and the Carillon.

Forrest Alter, Chairman.

SECTIONS MERGER

A new constitution is under way for the merger of the School and Children's Libraries Sections of M.L.A. The plan is to send copies of the proposed constitution to all members of both Sections as required, 60 and 30 days before the Mackinac Conference. Due to curtailed Section funds the committee is meeting by mail.

For School Libraries Section

Miss Hazel Brown, Librarian, *Chairman*
Longfellow School, Royal Oak, Michigan.
Miss Esther Barth, Librarian,
High School, Monroe, Michigan.
Miss Jane Hartsig, Librarian,
River Rouge Public and School Library,
River Rouge, Michigan.
Miss Ethel McCrickett, Librarian,
Public School Library, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

For The Children's Section

Miss Dorothy Hansen, *Chairman*,
Head, Children's Reference and
Traveling Libraries,
Michigan State Library, Lansing 13, Mich.
Miss Beulah I. Bock, Director,
Work with Children and Young People,
Lansing, Michigan.
Miss Alice Louise LeFevre, Director,
Department of Library Science,
Western Michigan College of Education,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.
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TEACHER-LIBRARIAN'S INSTITUTE

Save the dates September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th for the Teacher-Librarian's Institute, sponsored by the School Libraries section of M.L.A. It will be held at St. Mary's Lake Camp, near Battle Creek. The program will be interesting and diversified, and valuable to librarians and teacher-librarians in elementary, junior high and high schools.

Mrs. Jean Rulison, Lansing Elementary Schools, Publications Chairman, Teacher-Librarian's Institute.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Public Relations Committee

Your Public Relations Committee believes that there is a need for a Speakers Bureau, made up of librarians who can go out and talk about libraries to organizations in their areas. We have begun to compile such a list and have about 40 names. In the Fall we hope to furnish this information to the state and district officers of such organizations as the Farm Bureau, P.T.A., Child Study Association, etc. This is an appeal to you, the members of the association, to volunteer your services on the Speakers Bureau. Please write to me at once and let me know whether you are willing to serve.

William Chait, Chairman.

The Mid-Century White House Conference

The Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth has been called by President Truman for December 3, 1950, in Washington. The conference is much more than just a meeting in December. It is to climax a year of study and exploration in the states and local communities of children's needs and ways to meet them.

In Michigan, Governor Williams has appointed the Michigan Youth Commission, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Margaret Price of Ann Arbor. Committees of this commission are now preparing preliminary reports and are sponsoring regional and local meetings. Librarians should watch for the local activities and should take the initiative in having libraries represented, so that book services to children will receive consideration.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian, is on a committee representing state departments responsible for services to children. Librarians are urged to make materials in the field of book services to children and young people available to both committees. These should be sent to Mrs. Fyan by July 1st. Examples of good or unusual book programs, as well as

statements about needs for further development are particularly needed.

The University Library Building*

Although Julian Boyd boasts in his foreword to Burchard and Boyd's *Planning the University Library Building* of the broad diversification of library viewpoints among the 15 institutions that participated in the study, nevertheless the land grant college librarian, as distinguished from the land grant university librarian, was represented by but one college, Washington State. There are 20 such institutions, with a considerable number planning to build new library buildings in the near, or more or less near, future.

Mr. Boyd lists "avoidance of monumentality" among the cardinal points considered by the Cooperative Committee on Library Building Plans, and certainly Washington State has observed this point in the design of its new Ernest Holland Library at Pullman, while a few hostile critics have intimated that the new Princeton library is just a little too much of a luxurious show-place for the tourists to gape at. On the other hand, the library at Pullman has been condemned as looking too much like a store building, maintained by one of the two great American mail-order firms.

The new library at Pullman has divisional reading rooms, in accordance with the arrangement first instituted by Dr. Ralph Ellsworth at the University of Colorado, and also planned for the new University of Iowa library building.

When the new library is built at Michigan State College, very definite provision will have to be made for the Basic College, which embraces the first two years of all undergraduate instruction offered. The unofficial report of a preliminary plan for library services to the Basic College which has been prepared will no doubt be superceded long before the Michigan Legislature actually appropriates funds for a new library building. Two million five hundred thousand dollars has been requested from the Legislature. As yet no building committee has been appointed, and no blue prints drawn.

Among the 20 land grant colleges, Oklahoma A. and M., at Stillwater, a large institution, with a total annual expenditure of more than seven million, and with an enrol-

* This review was presented at the meeting of the College Libraries Section of M.L.A., in Grand Rapids on November 8.

ment of more than ten thousand students, has already begun excavation for a large, and no doubt carefully planned, library building, which will certainly challenge comparison with the one at Washington State, when both structures are completed and in operation.

Two smaller land grant colleges have recently had their libraries interestingly surveyed. Virginia Polytechnic, at Blacksburg, with five thousand students, has been "reviewed" by Tauber and Jesse of Columbia and the University of Tennessee; and Alabama Polytechnic, with seven thousand students, has been "looked at" by Dean Emeritus L. R. Wilson and Mr. Robert W. Orr of Iowa State. Both institutions are badly in need of a new building, and would no doubt start excavations at once if funds could be obtained. The comments in both surveys on the individual library buildings needed are extremely valuable, and make interesting appendices to Burchard and Boyd. The comments on centralization versus de-centralization in the V.P.I. survey are especially "up-to-date" and trenchant.

We have felt in particular, at East Lansing, that the technological chapters in Burchard and Boyd, those dealing with airconditioning, modern illumination, noise control, etc., should prove notably helpful. We would close with a warning word. The land grant college libraries will not be able to centralize their audio-visual aids as advised and urged by teachers college librarians, and by liberal arts college and university librarians. There are three large collections of recordings on the M.S.C. campus, for instance, one for instruction, one for recreation, and one in our music library. We could never have found the money to purchase the first two collections. Someday we may control the administration of

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all three, but we only administer the third as yet.

In the matter of films, our Extension Division operates with an annual budget of about \$1,600,000., as against ours of \$280,000. Many films are used in extension, and these have to be housed in East Lansing, as at Ames, Iowa, in the Public Relations Department. We would not have a room or space to house the collection, nor would our location be regarded as adequately central, by our Extension staff.

Jackson E. Towne, Librarian,
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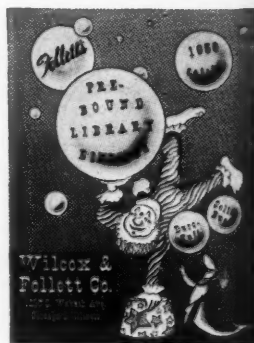
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